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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

APPLYING TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CALL A CONVENTION FOR
PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE
THAT AN INCREASE IN THE FEDERAL DEBT REQUIRES APPROVAL FROM A MAJORITY OF THE
LEGISLATURES OF THE SEPARATE STATES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides
2 authority for a convention to be called by the Congress of the United States
3 for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution on application of
4 two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states ("amendments
5 convention"); and

6 Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Arizona favors the proposal
7 and ratification of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States
8 that will provide that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from
9 a majority of the legislatures of the separate states.

10 Therefore

11 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
12 Representatives concurring:

13 1. That, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United
14 States, the Legislature of the State of Arizona formally applies to the
15 Congress of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of
16 proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, to be
17 ratified by the legislatures or by conventions in three-fourths of the
18 several states, that will provide that an increase in the federal debt
19 requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate states.

20 2. That the amendments convention contemplated by this application be
21 entirely focused on and exclusively limited to the subject matter of
22 proposing for ratification an amendment to the Constitution of the United
23 States providing that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from
24 a majority of the legislatures of the separate states.

25 3. That this application constitutes a continuing application in
26 accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until at
27 least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have made
28 application for an equivalently limited amendments convention.

29 4. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy
30 of this Resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
31 of the United States House of Representatives, each Member of Congress from
32 the State of Arizona and the presiding officers of each house of the several
33 state legislatures, requesting their cooperation in applying for the
34 amendments convention limited to the subject matter contemplated by this
35 application.